



## Steve Watkins

January 6, 1948 - January 28, 2013

### Steve W. Watkins

Steve Wayne Watkins age 65, passed away Monday, January 28, 2013, suddenly at his home.

Steve Watkins was born in Durham, NC, to his parents, Jesse James and the late Nell Watkins. Steve was the owner and President of Watkins Services, Inc. for over thirty years, and was a highly respected member of the construction industry. He was also a loving and dedicated son, husband, father, granddaddy, and friend. He touched many lives, both professionally and personally. "The Ole' Redneck" will be truly missed.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Linda Watkins of Myrtle Beach; a son, Steve "JR" Watkins, II, and his wife Linette of Myrtle Beach; a daughter, Angela Lowery and husband Marc of Myrtle Beach; his mother-in-law, Ossie Bivins of Hillsborough, NC; grandchildren, Kayla and Kyle Watkins, Jasmine Bragg, Charleston, Autumn, Haven and Royal Lowery; a brother, Gary Watkins and his wife Diane; a sister, Lorrie Watkins; a sister-in-law, Julie Shrauger; an honorary brother, Russell and his wife Betty Harder; two nieces, Jessica Andrews and husband Brian, and Katie Watkins; and a special caregiver, Susan Brown.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 2, 2013 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with Dr. Wayne Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Friday, February 1, 2013 at the funeral home.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)  
Memorial contributions may be made to The Children's Heart Foundation in honor of his grandson, Royal, P.O. Box 244, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 or at [www.childrensheartfoundation.org](http://www.childrensheartfoundation.org).

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 1. 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM (ET)

Celebration Center  
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588  
(843) 651-3295  
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

FEB 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was always so friendly. He will be missed.  
Our sincere sympathy to his family band friends. You are in our prayers. A candle will be lit in his memory.  
SHAN-KOR ROOTING  
HESS EXPRESS (9TH SOUTH)  
Mr.and Mrs. Kevin Shannon

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**Kevin&Sherry Shannon** - February 02, 2013 at 12:34 PM

CC

“ Dear Linda, I was so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. May God's strength and peace help you through.I remember those early days at the Holiday Inn with smiles! I know you will miss him terribly.  
Much love, Claudia Chandler Chakides

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**Claudia Chandler Chakides** - February 02, 2013 at 12:01 PM

MB

“ To Linda and family, We were so sorry to hear the news about Steve. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. We have all lost a good man and a good friend.  
Mark and Tami Bostick.

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**Mark A. Bostick** - February 01, 2013 at 06:40 PM

AD

“ Hi Linda,  
Please convey our heartfelt condolences to your whole family from us for Steve's loss. Dennis and I are thinking of you all and praying for your comfort and peace.  
Ann and Dennis Dunham

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**Ann and Dennis Dunham** - February 01, 2013 at 03:10 PM

TO

“ *To Linda and Family,*

*Our sincerest condolences on your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.*

*Your Chapel Lane neighbors,*

*Tim & Cindy O'Neill*

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**Timothy O'Neill** - February 01, 2013 at 01:21 PM

WT

“ *To the Watkins Family,*

*I am certain your father, husband, son, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend to many will be greeted in heaven like a reflection of the same warm, friendly and kind smile I remember from Mr. Watkins. We are sincerely sorry for your precious loss.*  
*The Taylor Family*

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**William Taylor** - February 01, 2013 at 12:39 PM

CI

“ *May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead.*

*Kourtny Cutts*

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**citystar1** - February 01, 2013 at 07:30 AM

SB

“ To the Watkins Family:

*In this difficult time in your life, may you find comfort in God's Word, the Bible. James 4:8 encourages; "Draw close to God, and He will draw close to you."*

*My condolences,  
SJB.*

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**S.J. BROWN** - January 31, 2013 at 05:56 PM

DW

*To the Watkins Family*

*Blessings to you Linda and your entire family. We know that God picked a precious flower from our mists. We will always remember the true kindness Steve Sr. and your family shared with us during Lynette's and Steve's wedding.*

*Our prayers and heart felt wishes for your comfort are extended through this message. If there is anything we can do to lighten your burden in any way, please don't hesitate to call.*

*Our condolences and love,*

*Chet and Dr. Phyllis West*

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**Dr. Phyllis Wright-West** - February 01, 2013 at 09:22 PM

ME

“ Linda & Family - Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad and difficult time. When my parents moved us to North Carolina in 1962, Steve was one of the first folks that we all met. Everytime he saw my mother, he would 'pick-on' her! She loved him to come around! I know that Laraine, Dale and Cotten feel the same way that I do - he was a great friend to all of us during our high school days. In 2009, he helped me so much when he found out that Cotten was in Greenville, SC hospital with a brain injury - he found several nursing homes where he knew the Directors, and gave me their contact information. So very helpful to me during that stressful 12 weeks! I'm sure that Steve was that way with all and anyone he knew that needed help! He will be missed by a LOT of people.



*I hope that in the coming years you will continue to attend our Class Reunions. I will keep in contact with you.*

*Much love to you and your Family,  
Martha (Dempsey) Ellis*

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**Martha Ellis** - January 31, 2013 at 12:59 PM

LW

*Martha, this was so true. Steve always had time to help someone with their problem and most of the time he would find a solution. I am very proud to have been in his life from 1963. I miss him already so much. Thank you again, Linda*

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**Linda Watkins** - February 01, 2013 at 02:28 AM

DA

“ Linda, My sincere condolences to you and the rest of your family. I hope you are surrounded by loving support today and in the days to come.

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**Dennis Andrews** - January 31, 2013 at 12:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steve Watkins.*



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January 31, 2013 at 09:54 AM



“ *Michele Caliendo & Al lenco purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Steve Watkins.*



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**Michele Caliendo & Al lenco** - January 31, 2013 at 09:05 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. The kindest, most gentle and giving man I have ever met. Always told him he was my favorite "red-neck". He will be missed by all.  
Linda, JR, Linette, Angela, Marc and all the family - you are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if you need anything.*

*Michele Caliendo*

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**Michele Caliendo** - January 31, 2013 at 08:58 AM

CK

“ Steve Watkins was a very nice man. Even as an advocate for my clients sitting on the opposite side of the negotiation table from Steve, I always had great respect for him and enjoyed his company. He provided a valuable service to his customers and the honesty with which he gave his opinions made them a valuable tool. My condolences to his family in the time of this loss.

Charley Krawczyk  
The Finkel Law Firm LLC

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Charley Krawczyk - January 31, 2013 at 08:42 AM

DJ

“ Angela & Marc, Your family is in our prayers, we are so sorry for your loss. unfortunately we cannot make the services but we will be thinking of you. May it be a time of celebrating his life and your love. Hugs from Donna, Jeff and our guys... Love you

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Donna Jensen - January 30, 2013 at 08:50 PM

TJ

“ May you take comfort in the Lord during this time. I did not know your love one -Mr. Watkins, but I feel your pain for have lost my dear mother 7 months ago also. Just know that there is comfort in the Lord!

Tara James

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Tara James - January 30, 2013 at 05:49 PM



CR

“ *Craig & Kathy Rice lit a candle in memory of Steve Watkins*



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**Craig & Kathy Rice** - January 30, 2013 at 03:04 PM

RW

“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy go out to Linda & the family. My thoughts & prayers are with you all. May the Lord bless and comfort each of you. Steve was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. Love & hugs, Gina Watkins*

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**Regina Watkins** - January 30, 2013 at 02:45 PM



“ *Stephani Chad & Ireland Rose sent a virtual gift in memory of Steve Watkins*



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**Stephani Chad & Ireland Rose** - January 30, 2013 at 02:43 PM



*Thank you for everything you have done for me throughout the years. From the time I first met you when I was nine years old until the last time I saw you at Christmas, you have always opened the door to your home and heart up to me to walk through anytime I needed you and Linda. Words can not express how much your words of compassion, wisdom, fatherly advise, scolding, and honesty have meant to me and guided me throughout my life. GOD truly knew what he was doing when mine and Angela's paths crossed many many moons ago. Your family was the light in my life during some of the darkest days of my life. From the Tiki Motel days to now, you always treated me like another daughter and ALWAYS included me, no matter how hard times were for you and Linda. Saying "THANK YOU", just doesn't seem enough for what you and Linda have done for me. I LOVE YOU from nose to moon and everywhere in between and will be forever grateful to you and your family.*

*Stephani*

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**Stephani Chad & Ireland Rose** - January 30, 2013 at 03:11 PM

LW

*Thank you Stephani, you have been one of our own for a long time and we love you and your family. Love, Linda*

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**Linda Watkins** - February 01, 2013 at 02:31 AM

RW

“ *Regina Watkins lit a candle in memory of Steve Watkins*



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**Regina Watkins** - January 30, 2013 at 02:27 PM

HB

“ *Helen & Jim Buchan purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Steve Watkins.*



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**Helen & Jim Buchan** - January 30, 2013 at 12:32 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Steve Watkins.*



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January 30, 2013 at 09:51 AM

MB

“ *I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Watkins family. May those precious memories of your dear loved one Steve be foremost in your hearts and minds along with this wonderful promise that Jesus made at John 5:28,29. If you would like to know more about this promise, please do not hesitate to contact me at [marbrad1129@gmail.com](mailto:marbrad1129@gmail.com). Again, my sincere condolences.*

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**M B** - January 30, 2013 at 08:05 AM

PK

*Linda & Family,*

*We are so sorry to hear about Steve's passing. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*You have 46 years of precious memories, which says a lot for the love you shared together. May God bless and comfort you and your family for today and all your tomorrows.*

*With our deepest sympathy,*

*Delores, Carolyn, Paula & Shelia*

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**Paula Satterwhite Kearney** - January 31, 2013 at 11:57 AM

LW

*Thank you my dear cousins. I hope to see you all soon. Love, Linda*

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**Linda Watkins** - February 01, 2013 at 02:36 AM